

# Tynong Tabloid

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Volunteer crew cleaning up the war memorial in Tynong on 31 August (Flag at half mast in remembrance of the two police officers who lost their lives in Porepunkah)

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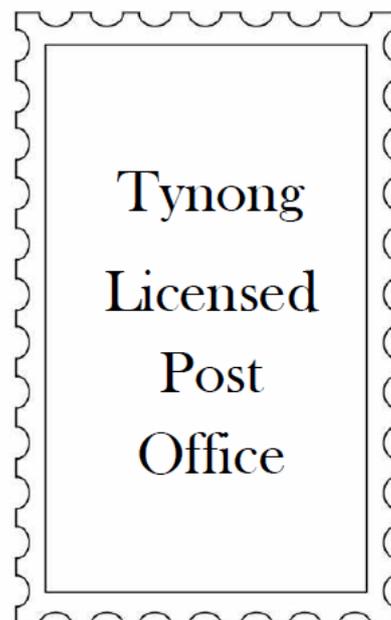
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## A note from the editor...

Dear Tynong,

It's been a heavy month of news across the country and the globe. I hope that with the slight lift in the air of spring is helping to lighten that mental load of the doom and gloom of the daily scroll.



We acknowledge the terrible tragedy of the two police officers murdered in a rural community not too dissimilar to ours and would like to thank our local law enforcement, fire brigade, paramedics, SES and all first responders who keep our communities safe, while we mourn with them. At the most recent progress meeting, the feeling of uncertainty and suspicion that many are feeling was discussed, while we know that as a whole our township looks out for its neighbours and will always offer a friendly hand for anyone who asks. Some great practical advice was shared and with a new officer in attendance at the Bunyip Police station, we'll be looking forward to connecting with the team there to build those relationships and strengthen our community. The advice from police about maintaining a safe community was a plea to report what you see in terms of dangerous driving, suspicious activity or anti social behaviour—every small piece of information builds a picture and helps them connect the dots in many ways. You can call Bunyip Police station on Wednesdays (or drop in), Pakenham Police Station, or the non emergency Police line on 13 444. We do live in a very safe part of the world thankfully, and there is always opportunity for it to be made even better.

Also, I have heard your cries about WHERE IS THE RAINFALL DATA, and I beg for your patience... a corrupt spreadsheet has undone me and while I have been recording the data (thanks Jeanette!), I'm yet to rebuild it, but it will be back next month, fancier than ever, I promise!

Happy reading!

Caroline

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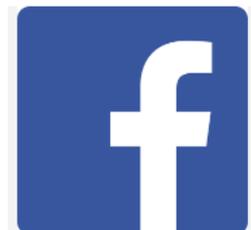
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### Tynong Footy Tipping Grand Final

TYNONG FOOTY TIPPING 2025 has been a pretty full-on exciting season, especially those Collingwood supporters who have enjoyed weekly wins from their team. We played with 26 tippers, and over that time 13 picked 9 winning games (some more than once) and won a share of the extra jackpot. The winners and scores were :

1st Place: Graham V (155) | 2nd Place: Clinton S (152) | 3rd Place: Jesse T (151), followed by Faye in last place on 121.

A special prize was given to Carl B who correctly tipped 5 straight wins of 7 tips towards the end, (though he really did try very hard to pick all the winners every week!) Thank you to all of you who joined in this year, we look forwards to catching up next time!

Jodie & Pauline

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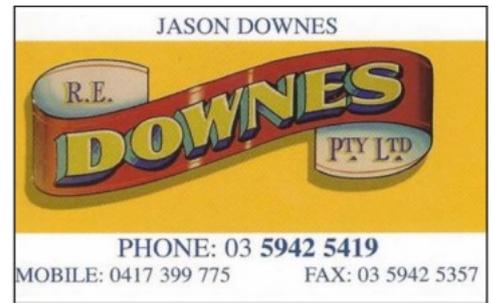
**The Downes Family Story | As presented by Jason Downes at the Nar Nar Goon Historical Society (August 2025)**

Jason's great, great, great Grandfather was William James Downes. He was born in Tasmania in 1838. He married Dorothy Herd in 1873. They had one son named Gordon James who was Roy's father. They lived in Mt Korong which is between Bendigo and Charlton. Gordon married Lizzie Adams in 1909 and moved to NNG to farm here. This was the beginning of the Downes family living in NNG. Apparently Gordon had a Blacksmith's shop on the site where the post office now stands. Jason said that this part of the story does need to be confirmed. They lived in the house on the site where Dorothy Flynn used to live. This original house was where Don and Roy Downes were born. Later, the original house was demolished and they built their own house on the same site. Roy was born in 1912 and went to the NNG school on the corner of the 7 Mile Road and Bald Hill Road which eventually did burn down. Roy (called Pop by Jason) said he got the blame for the fire! Roy achieved his Merit certificate at age 13 which was as far as you could go to, at school back then. The new school was built where it is today with land donated by the Fortune family. Don went on to be a mechanical engineer in the navy and Roy went on to grow vegetables at various locations around NNG. They grew vegetables at Tynong where the 9 Mile business is now and on the right hand side of the Ararat Creek. Pop had a team of 4 horses where he used to cultivate the land and cart his vegetables. Paddy, Baldy, Jess and Belle were the 4 horses. They would cart the produce into NNG to the rail head where it then went to Melbourne by train with timber, milk and cream. The main agent for the produce was Mr. Lowen who Jason's Dad believes was a brother of Ozzie Lowen, who milked cows on the edge of NNG and later became the local milkman delivering by horse and cart every morning to the residents of NNG.

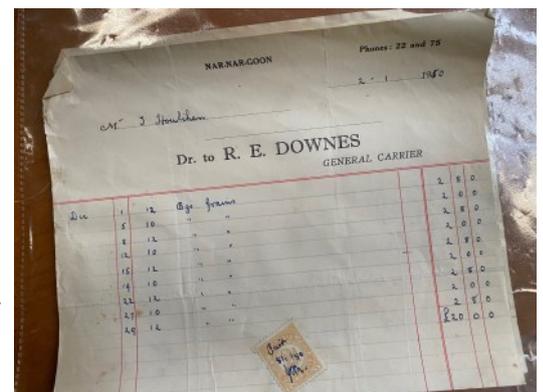
In 1927, Roy purchased his first truck and started the carrying business taking fruit and vegetable to the Vic Market in Melbourne. Initially he carried mainly his own produce which he grew in Tynong at Hewson's farm which was on the Ararat Creek. Roy over time increased his fleet and went to a 14 foot semi. Roy and his brother Don built, as far as they knew, the first double deck sheep crate. The first load was out of Chippendales where the current Pakenham Racecourse is now located. It did not even make it to the front gate before it collapsed! Roy branched out into carting Brewer's Grains from the Abbotsford Brewery to farms for cow feed around SE Gippsland and locally around NNG.

Michael Houlihan has given Jason some old invoices going back to 1949. He believes Mervyn Hughes was his first customer. The grains were all hand unloaded by shovel with 6 shovels full to one bag and was sold by the bag. Jason remembers going with his Uncle Ted on the Brewer's Grains truck trips. Uncle Ted would put in 6 shovels full and then they would say "And we'll throw in one more for the bull!"

Roy and Don built a garage on the old Maryknoll site in NNG when Don had returned from navy service. Apparently that's where Ray did his apprenticeship. Roy also ran the Atlantic fuel depot from that site where everything was handled in 44 gallon drums. There was a fuel pump on site – the type you would pump the fuel by hand into the glass bowl. When it was full you'd push the lever and the fuel would drain into the vehicle. Don and Ray then built the new and bigger garage opposite the hotel – where it still stands today. Roy's father Gordon had a 150 acre block on Moore Road, NNG North. Roy and Don inherited 75 acres each from their Dad. Roy used to cut wood off the block and deliver it into Melbourne.



Pop with his horses



Don married Vera and they lived in the yellow brick house next to the Catholic Church. That house has just been recently demolished. They had 2 children Ray and Dorothy. Roy married Eva May Deering in 1937 and had 3 children. Barbara was born in 1938, Keith 1942 and Jimmy in 1946. When they were married they built a home next to the original block of his parents. Their home was built by a friend Frank Stainer, who was also the best man at their wedding. That house still stands today and was recently sold.

Roy bought the farm opposite the property in the late 1940s or early 1950s and started growing vegetables there. Today, Jason's trucking business is on this site. It was the McIvor property.

Around this time they were building the new SEC camp at Morwell and Roy had a truck – a 3 ton Ford with a 25 foot semi. The truck would load fruit and vegetables at the front and back of the trailer, leaving space in the middle for chilled meat. The truck would proceed to Collins Street in Melbourne where the Cold Stores were located. They would load the chilled meat into stocking bags into the middle section of the trailer. Once it was loaded, it was not allowed to stop until it reached the Cook House at Morwell. This trip was repeated 3 times a week and driven by Don Gillard (married Joy Lane, the baker's daughter), who used to live in NNG. They kept a spare motor for the truck and were experts on changing it over.

### Ampol Roadhouse mid 1950s

In the mid 1950s, Roy built the Ampol Road house and weigh bridge on the highway. This was a haven for truck drivers for many years and at its peak, employed 22 people. At the time the CRB (Country Roads Board) wanted a key to the weigh bridge so they could pull trucks off the highway at any time of the night and weigh them on Pop's weighbridge. Pop said no way known that was going to happen! Apparently he caused quite a few issues. The roadhouse was built mainly by Baden Spooner who was Roy's book keeper and Jack Bentley all with a little old cement mixer.

Roy was heavily involved in both the NNG Football and Cricket clubs. He was the President of the Garfield Bowling Club for quite a few years. He helped cart all the soil for the Garfield Bowling Club when they built it. He purchased the old NNG Racecourse on Racecourse Road from the Coombs family at one stage where he ran cattle on the land. On the block where Jason's trucking business is now, down the back they used to store the Brewer's Grain. They had the ground dug out and they used to tip and pack the grain into the hole. It would keep for a long time under the ground. They would also store it in wire open silos so that when they couldn't get grain they would always have grain in storage.

Some of the people who used to work for Roy in his carrying business included: Bill Brown, Albie Deering, Ted Deering, Wes Sherwell, Alf Waddell, Ron Collins, Angus Robinson, Joe Whitburn, Donny Gillard, Kevin Arnold, Jack Bentleigh, John Stratton, Tiger McGrath and Toby Kennedy. This list is by no means complete –just some of the names the family today could recall.

Nan (Eva) Downes was a Deering and she came from a history of moving around quite a bit with her family. She was from Tarwin Lower when Pop met her. Jason's Dad tells the story of when Pop went down to see her one day in one of his old trucks, the Tarwin River had flooded, so couldn't get to see her. Jesse was Eva's sister, and the brothers were Ted Deering and Albie Deering. Amazingly, all 4 of them ended up in NNG. Ted worked for Pop for many many years. He was a great man and used to run the dances in NNG in the old hall on Racecourse Road. His wife Auntie Margaret would play the organ and Uncle Ted would sing with a really powerful voice.

On Uncle Don's side of the family, Jason doesn't have a lot of information. However, the people who have bought their house now have a box of "stuff" that Auntie Dorothy left, so they will hand the box onto Jason so he can find any family information in the box with a bit of luck. Jason has a book of Pop's hand written memories over the years, some of which are shared later in this story.

The book includes names of old employees and stories of the railways. There's a memory of Bill Maisie and the things that he had done.



3 Generations: Jason, Rodney, Keith and Roy Downes



## Rodeo

Jason's Dad, Keith, loved horses and still does. The first rodeo in NNG was on the St John's Church side of the footy ground. There may have only been one rodeo there and then his Dad built a purpose built rodeo arena on his property. Back in the day they used to attract big crowds. Jason and his Dad were pick up men at the rodeos where you get the riders off the horses before they fell off after they've ridden time.

His Dad ran the roadhouse for quite a few years and Jason took the business over when he was 22 years old. He's 58 now, which means he's been running the business for 36 years. His Dad is up at Deniliquin running a Rice Hull business with around 15 trucks. Jason hopes he's not doing that sort of work at his Dad's age of 83. Barbara, his Dad's sister passed away a few years ago and her husband Des Morris has also passed away. They built the house where Cheryl Eddyvane lives now. Des had an Agricultural Business involving hay baling and all that sort of stuff. Jason remembers Des's self propelled baler which he used to have fun with.

Jason's Dad loaned a tractor to Des for a couple of weeks - that got pulled apart for spare parts and he's never seen it since! Jimmy Downes moved his family from NNG to Cann River. He also ran trucks up until about 3 years ago when they gave it away. Now, Jason's cousin Tamara who lives in Nicholson, she and her husband have one truck at Bairnsdale. Jimmy has retired to Lakes Entrance. The Morris side of the family – Barbara's children, Glenice is in Perth, Leonie is in Shepparton and Mickey is in Inverloch. Jason's sister Yvonne lives in Willow Grove and his brother Rodney lives in Pakenham.

Jason lives on McCraw Road which was originally the Kooloos farm, where he's been for 24 years. He said it's good to be running the Downes business after all these years. It's a privilege. When Jason took the business over at aged 22, there were a lot of older drivers in the business that would try and put it over you all the time. Jason can't remember how many people he sacked but it was a lot and he got a really bad name for himself! He had to get rid of them to bring new people in to get the business up and running to capacity. When he started, the business was on the highway where the Auto Electric business is today. This was the original Superphosphate shed where Des Morris used to have his Super stored for his agricultural business. Jason is surprised it's still standing after all the Super that has been stored there.

Subsequently Jason bought the block of 45 acres where he is now from his Pop's estate and built what he has today. His Dad said the block would never work because it was too wet, but Jason proudly says that he made it happen. The business has grown since then. He had 10 trucks up until 2 years ago when he down sized the business. He has branched out into stockfeed now called "Charlie's Stockfeed" which Kate his daughter runs, with the view that down the track and in fact, it already is, the main part of the business. "Charlie's Stockfeed" has grown over the last couple of years. The business has been tough over the years and getting back to being really tough again as transport is cut throat. You cannot find good employees to drive your trucks.

### Question: What are you going to do with the school house?

Jason has a permit to turn it into a museum, so once it's finished they would like to display historical information from the town. He needs donations to get the building fixed up. It cost him a lot of money to get the old NNG school relocated to next to his trucking business. He agrees it needs to be finished. It's there for the community. He even offered the corner block where the school is located to the Shire of Cardinia to do the same as the museum in Pakenham but they were not interested.

Jason remembers coming back from the brewery with a load of brewer's grain on the old highway and parking on Carney's Hill where there's a parking bay. They would drop the bungs out of the back because there was so much juice in the grain and then it would run all the way down to the yard and keep running for hours.



He can remember Brian Kennelly, when he worked for Ian Koetsveldt, stopped in Tooradin one day and bought 2 bottles of coke. He opened the lids by popping them on the side view mirror. He's had lots of mechanical and people issues over the years. Examples are disgruntled drivers all over the country who would leave a truck at West Wyalong or Gilgandra without telling you. This was prior to mobile phones and the roadhouse would ring and say your truck has been here for a day or 2 and we've got the keys!

He had 3 trucks based in QLD over 10 years. The drivers would park up the trucks and go home. Mechanical problems were many with things like engines blowing up.

Today, Jason only has one truck on interstate. This driver does one trip a week to Brisbane and back, leaving Monday and home Friday. All the trucks are home on the weekends and there are no after hours calls. The changes over the years are that the trucks are a lot more comfortable, easier to drive and you don't have to change as many gears because of the horse power. The wages have improved a lot for the drivers. They get hammered by the National Vehicle Regulation NVHR people. There are no old type road houses left where you can go and have a nice meal and relax. You can't pull up unless there's a McDonalds or a Hungry Jacks. A lot of the drivers now take their own food. His interstate driver has a microwave in the truck so he can zap up his own meals. Alternatively you can go to a pub and have a meal – without beer! It's not easy! A can of coke is just not the same as a beer!

The camaraderie on the road is no longer there unfortunately. 95% of companies are on board with driving with log books and within the specified hours. There are so many cameras out there now. The big cameras on the freeway that go right across the top of the road can pull up a stone chip on the truck if your plates are covered and get that same stone chip on another camera elsewhere and match it up with your rego. You can't really do anything wrong. Working very long hours does not happen any more. Jason will never get an electric truck. He will burn fossil fuel until it's all gone! Jason hopes this presentation has given us all some insight into the Downes family.



Roy Downes

## Watch out for Wildlife

With the weather warming up, you'll notice lots more of our native wildlife (and even the ferals) are out and about enjoying the sunshine, looking for love, looking for food, or looking after their littlies.



While we have wonderful wildlife carers in the area, wouldn't it be great if they had nothing to do, no rescues, no roadkill to inspect, and no orphaned babies to raise?

With kangaroos and even deer spotted well south of the highway, this is an issue everywhere throughout the district, so please take care while driving, particularly at night, early morning and at dusk. If you can, use your highbeams to illuminate the side of the road up ahead, so you can see anyone lurking in the trees about to make a bad decision. And the best way to avoid an accident is to SLOW DOWN.

If the worst thing does happen and you hit an animal, there are a couple of things you can do. First of all, pull over in a **safe** location (drive further ahead to get away from blind corners or narrow shoulders), turn on your hazards and call a rescuer (if you don't feel confident approaching the animal yourself and moving it off the road or looking for young in the pouches).

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## Celebrating 80 years of Earth, Clay & Fire with Robert Gordon Pottery

Cardinia Cultural Centre presents 'Eighty Years of Earth, Clay & Fire', celebrating the legacy of Robert Gordon Pottery, one of Australia's most iconic ceramic and family-run businesses.

Robert Gordon Pottery has shaped the Australian ceramics landscape for three generations. Their journey began in a tin shed in Gembrook and has grown into the thriving factory we know today in Pakenham.

As one of Cardinia's local employers, Robert Gordon plays a vital role in strengthening the shire's economy. The Pakenham factory attracts many visitors to the area, offering a creative space for the community with hands-on workshops, events, and collaborations with local artists.

Cardinia Shire Council Mayor, Cr Jack Kowarzik attended the exhibition launch on Saturday 6 September and expressed his pride in showcasing Robert Gordon's legacy at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

'For 80 years, Robert Gordon Pottery has made an incredible contribution to the arts and culture community here in Cardinia' Mayor Kowarzik said.

'I encourage everyone to be part of this milestone and celebrate the creativity and heritage it represents.'

Hannah Gordon, Director of Robert Gordon Australia, reflected on the significance of the occasion. 'We are immensely proud to be celebrating this significant 80-year milestone. Stepping back and looking at our story, from a small tin shed in Gembrook to where we are today, is truly wonderful' she said.

'This exhibition isn't just a collection of moments and pieces; it's a tribute to the community and the enduring support that has allowed us to shape Australian ceramics for three generations.'

In addition to the exhibition, Cardinia Cultural Centre is offering a variety of interactive workshops and events that the community can attend:

### Sip and Paint Your Own Ceramics with Robert Gordon

Guests are invited to enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink as they paint their own piece of Robert Gordon ceramics with the backdrop of free live music, and the opportunity to explore the exhibition after hours.

Date: Thursday, 25 September

Time: 6:00pm & 7:00pm

Entry: \$40

Book here: <https://www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au/shows/sip-and-paint-your-own-ceramics-with-robert-gordon/>



### Valley Potters: Cardinia Ceramics Market

Enjoy a great indoor maker's market presented by Valley Potters. This free community event will be showcasing the wares of some of Victoria's finest pottery makers.

Date: Saturday 27 September

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Entry: FREE

Find out more. <https://www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au/shows/valley-potters-cardinia-ceramics-market/>

Eighty Years of Earth, Clay & Fire: The Enduring Story of Robert Gordon Pottery is running at Cardinia Cultural Centre Gallery daily, from 9:00am – 4:00pm until Monday 29 September 2025.

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Landowners can now apply for Cardinia Shire Council's Corridors for Wildlife program, a new initiative that provides free plants to help residents revegetate their land and restore native habitat.

The program is open to private landowners with properties that are one hectare (2.47 acres) or larger to help them revegetate sections of their property after weed control works, to establish shelter belts or to revegetate areas that have fallen into environmental disrepair.

Corridors for Wildlife is suitable for property owners who would like to establish a bush-style habitat and who are willing to protect the area from livestock with fencing. To be eligible for the program, property owners must have space on their property to plant and grow at least 300 plants (planting area must be more than eight metres wide).

Applications close on Friday 31 October. Plants will be distributed for planting in winter and early spring 2026.

Applications must include photos of your property and proposed planting area, as well as a property plan showing boundaries, buildings, defendable space and shade.

For more information, and to apply, please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greeningcardinia](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greeningcardinia)

Landowners with properties smaller than one hectare are encouraged to find out more about Council's Gardens for Wildlife program: Gardens for Wildlife program - Cardinia Shire Council

### Garfield Rec Reserve Enviro Action Team

Beswick st, Garfield

This Greening Garfield Project has grown from the following Cardinia Shire Grants:

- 2022 Beautification Grant 500 plants + CEC Plant Giveaway
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Dr. Mary Cole, 79, from Garfield, a trailblazer in regenerative farming, advocating for sustainable agricultural practices that regenerate soil microbiome health and reduce synthetic chemical use is Victoria’s representative in the 2025 National AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award which will be announced at a Gala Dinner at the Great Hall, Parliament House in Canberra on Tuesday, 28 October.

Dr. Cole won the Victorian division of the AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award earlier this year. She is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne and is also the current Cardinia Shire’s Senior Citizen of the Year.

Dr. Cole is an internationally recognised expert in mycology, plant pathology, and soil microbiology with a career spanning over five decades. A pioneer in biological farming and founder of Agpath, a private soil biology company providing laboratory testing in many fields of fungal and microbial pathology and farming consulting services in agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, industrial hemp, environment air and water, and food manufacturing.

‘For me it’s more than just a job or research project – it’s my life’s work. We need to stop asking the land what it can do for us and start asking what we can do for the land,’ says Dr. Cole. She has spent more than 45 years advocating for regenerative agriculture, proving that sustainable practices can enhance yields while significantly reducing input costs.

Mary and her husband Alan have lived on their farm at Vervale Garfield for 53 years. The farm has not had synthetic chemicals on it in that time. Alan said ‘We have lifted total carbon from 12% to 23%. and have no weeds no capeweed, no disease no pasture pests on our farm. ‘

Dr. Cole has sponsored local work experience students and holds seminars and Field Days bringing farmers together to promote and show that care of the soil is vital for the future viability of their land.

When Dr Cole is not behind the microscope or checking Petri dishes her interests are classical music, quality theatre, reading, needlework and gardening.

Alan commented ‘This is the outcome of Mary’s night out 79 years in the making’

It’s good to see a Victorian win the State Award, but even better when it’s one of our own district locals.

Dr. Cole, we wish you all the best when the National AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award is announced later this month.



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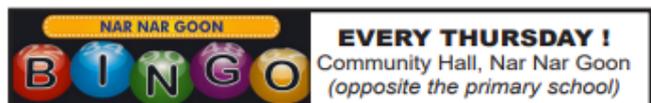
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Council 24/7 1300 787 624  
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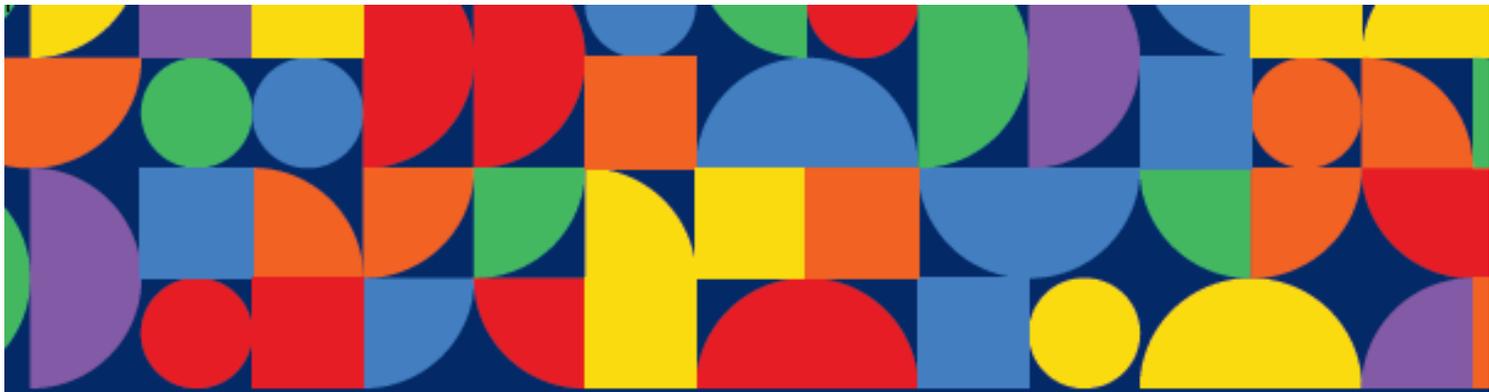
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- Bunyip IGA
- Posh Shop Nar Nar Goon

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You will also need to indicate the size you wish your advert to be displayed at, and detail whether you are advertising annually for 11 editions, or monthly.

We will email you an invoice that is required to be paid by the submission deadline of the 25th of each month before your advert can be published in the Tynong Tabloid.

Description	Size (W x H)	Cost
Logo	9.7cm x 3.25cm	Available for ongoing community notices or sponsors
Business Card	9.5cm x 6.5cm	\$10
1/4 A4 page (vertical)	9.5cm x 13cm	\$15
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1/2 A4 page (vertical)	9.5cm x 26cm	\$30
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Full A4 page	19cm x 26cm	\$50

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- Ongoing community notices are free but must be kept to business card or logo size where possible.

# Tynong & Surrounds Community Calendar — September / October 2025

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
8 Mobile Library 3.30 Tynong Hall	9 Tynong Playgroup 20 Railway Avenue 9.30-11.30	10 Tynong Progress Association Meeting 7.30pm Tynong Fire Station	11	12 August Tynong North Friday Group	13	14
15 Mobile Library 3.30 Tynong Hall	16 Tynong Playgroup 20 Railway Avenue 9.30-11.30	17	18 Tynong Fire Brigade Support Group 7.30pm Tynong Fire Station	19 Tynong North Friday Group Last Day of Term 3	20	21
22 Mobile Library 3.30 Tynong Hall	23 Tynong Playgroup 20 Railway Avenue 9.30-11.30	24	25	26 Tynong North Friday Group	27	28
29 Mobile Library 3.30 Tynong Hall School holidays begin	30	31	1 October	2 Tynong North Friday Group	3	4
5 Mobile Library 3.30 Tynong Hall	6	7	8	9 Tynong North Friday Group	10	11